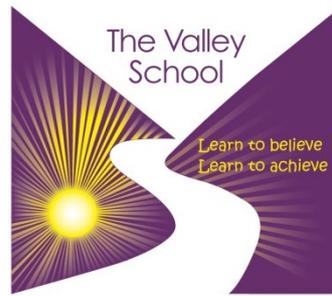


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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware your child starts their college link provision in September and will run every Thursday until June.

On a Thursday your child will need to wear sensible clothes, especially footwear, and bring a waterproof as we will be walking or taking the public bus to college. Most pupils wear jeans and trainers.

Over the year your child will experience a range of taster sessions led by college staff to provide an experience of what college life will be like when they finish school, this does not determine what or where they will study on leaving the school.

Although sessions are led and supported by college, staff members of the Valley School will be available for additional support and to smooth the transition.

During this period your child will need to attend school at the normal times, all travel will take place during the normal school day and transport arrangements will remain the same.

If you wish your child to travel independently to college in the morning or if you intend to drop them there yourself at 9.30am please can you let me know in writing.

Over the year we will support children to travel independently to college, **if they are ready to**, and support them to apply for a free bus pass as part of this process.

The main changes to routine are –

- Students will not need to wear school uniform on Thursdays.
- Students will need to either bring a packed lunch and snacks or sufficient money to buy their own lunch and snacks (max £5.00 per day) – if students do receive a free school meal they will be provided with the cost of that meal £2.65 in cash the day before.



If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

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Year 11 Learning Leader